



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING

JESUS TOGETHER

GATHER · GROW · GIVE · GO

How many of you have been doing jigsaw puzzles during COVID-19 to help pass the time? I must admit, jigsaw puzzles are not my thing but Bill has taken over our dining room table with jigsaw puzzles for much of COVID. When I volunteered to write a short devotional, I thought about what to say. Looking at the current jigsaw puzzle has given me some inspiration. How do you compare a jigsaw puzzle to HMC? Young children begin doing very simple puzzles. You cannot expect a young child to know how to do a puzzle unless they are taught to do simple puzzles. It was so encouraging at the Zoom Under 18 meeting last week to hear that we need to teach our children at a very young age if we expect to have involvement when they reach the age to participate in our Youth Programs.

When doing a puzzle, most people start by doing the outer edges/foundation. The outer edges/foundation of HMC are God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and the Bible. Once the outer edges are put together, then piece by piece the larger picture can be completed. We have to realize that every piece is important. 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27..." Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it (*27). Force fitting pieces together is futile...will work for a short time but doesn't last. When doing a puzzle, you may have to look at it from different angles to find where a piece fits. Forget the phrase "we have always done it this way". Get out of your comfort zone. Having a game of Kahoots at the beginning of our recent Worship Service brings "different generations together". We are all in this together...young and old.

There are many more comparisons. Just please know that each person at HMC is so important no matter what age. God bless.

—Carolyn Pearson

JOIN IN ON GAME NIGHT!

The youth will be gathering at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21 for a special game night and you are all invited! Pop in to say a quick hello or stick around for the games. The Zoom link is at hanovermissionary.com/youth



PLAN TO PROTECT

As we look towards getting in-person ministry running, we have a dedicated team of people working hard to make sure our volunteer screening protocol is in place. If you need to update any of your training or references in order to volunteer within HMC ministries, you will have received an email from the team. We understand that local stations are not doing police checks during the current lockdown, but these will be opening up soon. Please do your best to follow all recommendations in a timely manner so we don't have delays as things kick off.

We hope you enjoy the craft video with Miss Shirley on Sunday morning. If you'd like a craft supply pack with popsicle sticks, verse papers, and glitter, please stop by the church between 9-noon on Monday to Friday this week.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, May 19

7:00 p.m. Watch Facebook for a special announcement! Our weekly story time series has ended but we're gearing up for some summer fun!

FRIDAY, May 21

7:00 p.m. **Youth Game Night (Zoom)**

all are invited!

SUNDAY, May 23

9:00 a.m. **Zoom Café - our virtual foyer**

(find the link at hanovermissionary.com/zoom-cafe)

10:00 a.m. (Facebook Live)

Join us as we dive into God's Word

A pastor can be reached any time through the

Pastoral Care Line 519-379-1752

Thank you for continuing to be a generous community. In these tough times, we have been so blessed to see God provide. Tithes and offerings can be sent through e-transfer (to bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com) or using the Tithely app (go to get.tithe.ly and sign up, or download the tithe.ly app from the app store). If you would like to drop off your offering, please contact the office to arrange a time.

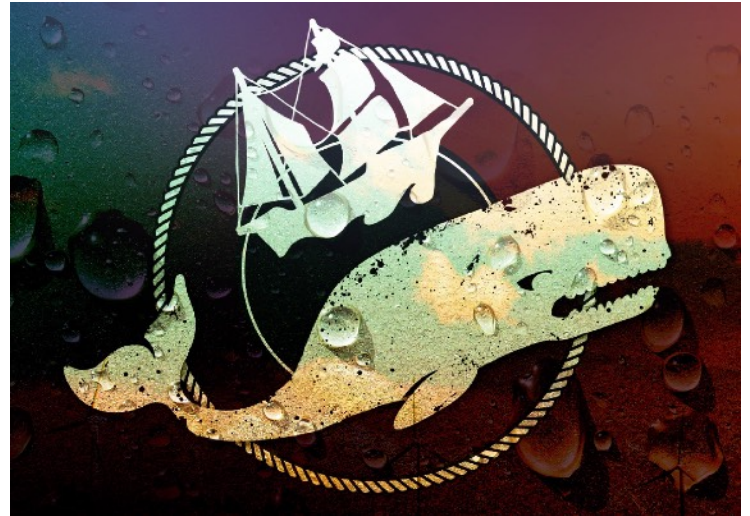


HMC YOUTH

Our youth are still digging into the story of Jonah.

The passage for this week is **Jonah 4:5-11**, take some time to read it and connect with God and follow along with what our youth are learning.

As Jonah sat east of Nineveh waiting to see what would become of the city, I imagine he felt a sense of self-righteousness. Sure Jonah messed up once in a while, but he tried, and ultimately he knew and trusted God. He also knew the Ninevites, and that their true nature would once again show. Then, God in His perfection would have to bring judgement on their wickedness.



As we enjoy the comforts of God's blessings or "shade plants" in our lives, we can be tempted to look at the hard-to-love people in our lives with judgment, waiting for God to give them what they deserve. If we become more concerned with the comfort of our life over the eternal salvation of others we may not like, we have misunderstood God's love. Jonah waited and watched from outside the city, probably not wanting to get caught up in God's judgement of the Ninevites. Contrast that with Jesus, who came to us while we were sinners just like the Ninevites. Jesus didn't deliver the message of what we should and shouldn't do and take off. He invested himself into our lives, and guided us on the way. And when we failed to measure up to God's standard, rather than duck out of the way, Jesus took the full punishment and wrath of God for us.

1. After reading the text, what thoughts or details jump out at you right away?
2. Spend a bit of time praying about and reflecting on the text. What is God bringing to your attention?
3. How does this passage apply to your life?

As we come to the end of our Jonah study, let's think about how we can show our enemies God's love. Instead of telling our enemies what we stand *against* in relation to them, let's tell them what we stand *for* so we can point them towards salvation.

To learn more about our youth program, or if you're in grade 7-12 and would like to join in, pop over to our website for the Zoom link and more information. hanovermissionary.com/youth

Though our doors remain locked, someone will be in the office Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you would like to drop off your tithe during this time, you may put it in the mailbox outside our main doors, or ring the doorbell and someone will come and collect it from you.

Have you been considering baptism? We would love to help you take this next step in your faith journey. Though Covid has made some things more complicated, we do have a plan to perform baptisms within safety protocols. Please reach out to a pastor or the office if you'd like to learn more.

Please keep Pastor Dave in your prayers as he takes some time to rest over the next several weeks. Please pray that it is a time of rejuvenation and relaxation, that God would guide his path and bless him with a refreshed spirit. Please respect his time away and care for him through prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick and Steph Burt on the birth of Jovie Jaylene, born on Wednesday, May 12 - a grandchild to Paul and Marcia!